

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State elective officials who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their leadership endeavors in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Francis G. Slay has attained considerable distinction as the mayor of the city of Saint Louis; and

Whereas, on September 21, 2007, mayor Francis Slay will enhance his already impressive record of accomplishments when he leads the city of Saint Louis in a minute of silence at noon at Saint Louis City Hall in observance of the International Day of Peace; and

Whereas, the International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly when that august international body passed an inaugural resolution, followed in the year 2001 by a new resolution setting September 21st of each year as International Day of Peace; and

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly intended September 21st to be observed "as a day of global cease-fire and nonviolence, an invitation to all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the day"; and

Whereas, the International Day of Peace resolution continued by stating that the United Nations General Assembly "invites all member states, organizations of the United Nations system, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to commemorate, in an appropriate manner, the International Day of Peace, including through education and public awareness, and to cooperate with the United Nations in the establishment of the global cease-fire"; and

Whereas, former United Nations secretary-general Kofi Annan subsequently asked all United Nations departments and agencies to expand their observance by extending a special invitation to civil society and by highlighting the Minute of Silence at noon on the International Day of Peace:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered in the life and work of mayor Francis G. Slay and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he leads International Day of Peace observances in his hometown; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to mayor Francis G. Slay of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker